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Florida Cities Stand Together

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As an organization dedicated to Florida's hometowns, the Florida League of Cities grieves with the entire Orlando community over the shocking events that unfolded Sunday morning. Our hearts cry for our neighbors who have suffered such a terrible loss in the most horrific way. All Floridians and Americans are united in sharing an overwhelming sense of sorrow, anguish, and compassion for the victims, the many injured, their families, and their friends.

Florida's municipal leaders have a deep understanding of the processes that lie at the heart of our democratic system of freedom and government. The League commends the City of Orlando for its response to this crisis, which undoubtedly saved lives during the incident and will help mend lives as the community works to move forward from the tragedy.

We sincerely pray and hope that our country and citizens stay safe as we all rededicate our efforts to protect our country, our communities, and our way of life.

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Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida's municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida's cities. Florida's cities are formed by their citizens and governed by their citizens. The League is founded on the belief that local self-government is the keystone of American democracy. For more information, visit www.floridaleagueofcities.com.